

FIRST REFORMED
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SHEBOYGAN FALLS
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ANNIVERSARY
to God be the Glory
Poised for Something Great

150th
Anniversary Service
July 23, 2006
10:00 a.m.



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First
REFORMED CHURCH
with a
VISION *for* **Cultural Influence**

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150th Anniversary Worship Service

God's Work: Our Foundation From the Past

Prelude: "Consecrated, Lord, to Thee"

Nikki Mills

Gathering Song: "Ancient Words"

Praise Team

Welcome

Call to Worship: (Ps. 89:1, 90:1-2)

L: We will sing of the Lord's great love forever;

P: With our mouths we will make Your faithfulness known through all generations.

L: Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

P: Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Songs of Praise:

Praise Team

"How Great Is Our God"

"Days of Elijah"

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord, we thank you for Your faithfulness in guiding and providing for this church through the years, during times of celebration and challenge. We ask for Your forgiveness for the ways in which we have not been faithful—in the past or in the present, as individuals and as a congregation—to Your Word and Your ways. Forgive us for our sins and shortcomings. Forgive us for not loving You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and for not loving our neighbors—and each other—as we ought. Forgive us for missed opportunities to follow You with a greater commitment of trust and faithfulness to the priorities and purposes that You intend for us. Give us a renewed desire for worshiping and serving You, our Great and Faithful God. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Lamentations 3:21-23

Ministry of Music: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Choir

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Brad Veenendaal

Hymn #410 "Standing On the Promises"

Offertory: "Come, Thou Fount"

Barb Ongna

Doxology (Hymn #815)

Recognition of Those Serving in Ministry
Prayer of Thanks

Michael Buehler

Recognition of Former Pastors
Prayer of Thanks

Wayne LeMahieu

God's Word: Our Formation In the Present

Ministry of Music
"66 Books"
"Jesus Loves Me" (v. 3 with congregation)

Children's Choir

Children's Message

Pastor Brian Stone

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-24

Pastor Kevin Van Wyk

Message: "Praising God and Preparing to Move On"

Pastor Richard Kooistra

God's Will: Our Focus For the Future

Banner Processional
Hymn # 56 "To God Be the Glory"

Rededication
Apostles Creed

Charge to the Congregation

Robert Wierenga

Prayer of Blessing

Pastor Jeremiah Fyffe

The Lord's Prayer
In Dutch: Minnie Veldman
In English: Congregation

Hymn #686 "O God Our Help In Ages Past," v. 1-3, 6

Benediction

Pastor Brad Veenendaal

Postlude

Nikki Mills

WELCOME

May God's Holy Spirit touch each of us today and inspire us to extend our hands in friendship to one another. Welcome, children of God.

VISITORS

We especially want to welcome you to our service today. Please be sure to sign the friendship pad that is in the pew. Come to the Welcome Center in the church entryway after the service. We have something for you. A special welcome to all of you who are here today to help us celebrate our 150th Anniversary.

Please turn off any pagers or cell phones

THIS WEEK

TODAY:

10:00 am 150th Anniversary Service
Luncheon to follow the service

MONDAY:

12:00 pm Keenagers picnic at Otte's
6:30 pm Prayer Group at PineHaven
6:55 pm Softball at Vets SW against
Word of Grace

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our sympathy is extended to Mike and Brenda Buehler & Family on the loss of Brenda's mother last week. May God bring you comfort at this time.

UPDATE ON MRS. POPPEN - Rev. & Mrs. Poppen give greetings to the congregation for our 150th anniversary. They are very sorry they aren't able to be with us. Mrs. Poppen had a trial run to see if she could go home on Wed. She did very well on Tuesday and went home on Wed using a walker. Praise God for healing after being in the hospital for nearly 5 weeks. If you are interested in sending a card their address is: 1007 7th St. NE Apt. 204, Orange City, IA 51041.

LAKE LUNDGREN CAMPERS – This week's campers to Lake Lundgren are: Hannah Abel, Erika Krueger, Cassie Quirt, Lilly Rotter, and Alli Beeck. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

Mission of the Week – Northwestern College

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY'S OFFERING – The offering taken today will be divided in half with ½ going to the General Budget and the other ½ going towards the Lighthouse Reroofing project.

July's 10 Bucks for the Building offering will be taken next Sunday, 7/30/2006. To be on pace in matching last year's three extra "principle only" payments we should have received \$4,772, putting us \$225 behind goal. Thanks to all for your continued support!

PRAYER PARTNER – We, as a church, are prayer partners for Rebekah Scott, a counselor at Camp Manitouqua this summer. Her information is on the foyer table along with a sign-up sheet for prayer partners. Please consider signing on for 1 week and sending her a little note of encouragement or maybe even a treat of some kind. We would like to have every week covered.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED – We need someone willing to place and pick up the offering envelopes from the classrooms during the Sunday School year. If interested contact Dennis or Kris Beach at 467-6674.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR NEEDED – We are looking for someone to direct the children's Christmas program. If interested contact Dick Huibregtse or Dennis & Kris Beach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU – A great big thank you to Jim Weygandt and the rest of his committee for all of the hard work they put into planning our 150th Anniversary. There were many people who worked long and hard to make this weekend special and we appreciate every one of you. Thank You!

THANK YOU – A special thank you to WSTM 91.3 FM and WPF 98.9 FM radio stations for announcing our 150th Anniversary celebration.

KEENAGERS – Come, enjoy a picnic at Cliff and Haleta Otte's house on July 24th at noon. Sign-up sheet is on the foyer table. No need to bring anything except maybe a folding chair.

THE DEACON BOARD will be meeting Tuesday, 8/1/2006 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the counting room in the bell tower. Those unable to attend need to contact either Dan Van Wyk or Corey Kappers.

150TH ANNIVERSARY Christmas Ornaments & Suncatchers will remain available for a couple weeks in the church office. Shatterproof ornaments are \$5 each. Suncatchers are \$25 each.

TREASURE COVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is only 2 weeks away!!!

You still have time to:

*Register children VBS is for kids who have just completed kindergarten through fifth grade & preschool children (ages 3, 4 & 5 who have not attended kindergarten, and who have already attended either a preschool program or Sunday School.)

*Sponsor a Child You still have time to make a \$7.50 donation to sponsor a child for VBS. Your donation ensures that a child gets to participate in Treasure Cove and take home kid-friendly, Christ-centered resources to share with his or her family, along with Bible Gems that share each days bible verse and a Treasure Cove Bucket Hat.

*DONATE There are two donation sheets on the VBS table in the foyer. Please stop by and take a peek to see if there is something that you could donate to help VBS. (There is a box in the kitchen marked VBS for the food donations. Please see Tiffany Bimmel with all other donations.)

ALSO FYI:

There WILL NOT be a VBS picnic this year. This year, we decided to try something different for our closing program. Instead of a picnic, we are inviting the children of VBS and their families, along with the congregation of First Reformed Church, to participate in an "Ice Cream Social." We will be holding the closing program between services on Sunday, August 6th, which will last about 10- 15 minutes and then enjoy some ice cream and fellowship after. This change comes as a trial run, and was generated with the main idea of giving the children from the community and their families, an opportunity to come and worship and fellowship with the children from our church and their families, as well as the rest of our church family.

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN THE FUN!!!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY! Going to the Holland Festival? Join us at the Good As New Shop on Saturday, July 29th from 9:30 till 1pm for a Christmas in July sale! Come on down, enjoy the parade and festivities and get a little Christmas shopping done while you're at it! Other clearance items will also be available. Good As New; never the same store twice! Volunteers are always needed. If you would like to help us, call 668-6722 and

leave a message. All proceeds go to Sheboygan County Christian High School.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE DVD'S –
Today's anniversary worship service is being taped. DVD copies can be purchased upon request. If interested request forms are on the foyer table. Cost is \$1 per copy or \$2 if you want us to mail it to you.

ADVANCE NOTICE

PINEHAVEN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL BAZAAR – August 12 from 1:30-6:00p.m. at Pine Haven Christian Home. Please join us for a time of fellowship and food which will be brats, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, potato salad, ice cream, pie, cake, and drinks. The "Corner Store" will be open and there will also be produce, crafts and baked goods for sale. All proceeds are used to purchase items for Pine Haven. We would appreciate donations of produce, baked goods and crafts. Please bring them to Pine Haven on Aug. 12. Check with our church delegates, Sharon Thiessen or Susan Swart for day or time to bring donations to church.

Oostburg Christian School would like to invite current and new families to join us for registration on Tuesday, August 8 from 6:30 – 9pm. Oostburg Christian offers quality, Christ-centered education for students from four year old preschool through eighth grade. A new service being offered this year is afternoon care for preschool and kindergarten students. For more information, contact the school at 920-564-2664 or visit our website at Oostburgchristian.com.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – August 12 at 8:00p.m. on the church lawn. We will be showing "The Shaggy Dog". Bring your friends and family, your own refreshments (no alcohol please) and your lawn chairs or blankets. In case of rain it will be shown in the Family Life Center.

ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS

A-B	Dennis Meerdink, Dave Stoffregen
C-G	Dick Huibregtse, Corey Kappers
H-I	Wayne LeMahieu, Lee Lohuis
J-L	Gary Ten Haken, Dan Van Wyk
M-On	Art Dulmes, Paul Graumann
Ot-R	Jim Kerwin, Keith Mlejnek
S-Ten	Tom Van Haveren, Jason Mills
Th-Vee	Mike Buehler, Lucas Hartlep
Vel-Z	Peter Van Wyk, Mark Bimmel

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are people of God affiliated with the Reformed Church in America. We believe the Holy Bible to be the infallible Word of God. We are called to reach out, witness and win people to Christ. First Reformed Church exists to love the Lord and the people He has created. Each program undertaken, each decision evaluated, each personal contribution made must be understood in the light of how it expresses our love for God and others. We welcome all visitors and cordially invite them to become a part of Sheboygan Falls First Reformed Church.

Our goal is to bring the uncommitted to Jesus Christ, and to see our congregation grow spiritually and in numbers.

Our prayer is that the entire congregation will become involved with some part of the mission of this church.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

The church will become a shaping force of the culture through the family in Sheboygan County and specifically in Sheboygan Falls.

		MINISTERING TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
GREETERS	Service #1	Dave & Bev Navis Don & Irene Schmitt	Marion Herman, Gert Rooker Gary & Janice Ten Haken
	Service #2	Dale & Joan Hoffmann Rick & Lisa Dulmes	Jeff & Karla Born Howard & Bernice Buehler
NURSERY	Service #1	Tracy Tenpas, Julie Meinnert, (one service only @ 10:00)	Sara Born, Nathan Born
	Service #2	Rachel Mlejnek, Becca Aschenbach (One Service only @ 10:00) Phyllis LeMahieu	Dawn Otte, Catrina Tarr, Brooke Buehler Tiffany Otte
LIBRARY			
CAMERA	Service #1	Dave Wingert (one service @10)	Don Van De Kreeke
	Service #2		Megan Lohuis
SOUND	Service #1	Corey Kappers (one service@10)	Nic Dulmes
	Service #2		Ken Van Wyk
WELCOME	Service #1	Wayne & Phyllis LeMahieu	Brian Messner
CENTER	Service #2	Jim & Pat Kerwin	Dave & Laura Drescher